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Japanese patent document no. 6-168867 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,798,530, copy enclosed.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in a European Search Report dated March 5, 2002, which was forwarded in a Communication dated March 21, 2002 (copies enclosed) from the European Patent Office in a corresponding European patent application.

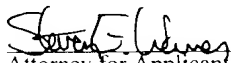
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